

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3624**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019

**INDIAN AMBASSADORS ABROAD**

†3624. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:  
SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the category-wise and country-wise number of the Indian ambassadors deployed abroad as on date;
- (b) the country-wise number of posts of ambassadors lying vacant along with the period of time from which the said posts have been lying vacant;
- (c) the time by which the said vacancies are likely to be filled;
- (d) the number of ambassadors belonging to Indian Foreign Service and Indian Administrative Service; and
- (e) the number of such ambassadors inducted from ex-cadre services which are not related to any specific Government service?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[GEN. (DR) V.K. SINGH (RETD)]

- (a) As on date 93 Ambassadors, 32 High Commissioners and 5 Permanent Representatives are posted in various Indian Missions in foreign countries.
- (b) & (c) The post of Ambassador in Slovak Republic has fallen vacant in December 2018 and is in the process of being filled. The Mission is currently headed at the level of Charge d'Affaires. Indian Mission to Yemen has temporarily relocated to Djibouti and is also headed at the level of Charge d'Affaires.
- (d) As on date, there are 127 Ambassadors / High Commissioners / Permanent Representatives belonging to Indian Foreign Service and 1 belonging to Indian Administrative Service.
- (e) Nil

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